the Missions through their conversation with local authorities and through the dissemination in local media of authoritative statements made in parliament and elsewhere in India.

Communal violene in Gujarat

17317. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) the extent of loss of human life and properties in the communal violence that errupted recently at Bardoli in Gujarat;

(b) whether the causes responsible for the violence have been investigated and the culprits apprehended and prosecuted;

(c) the measures taken to restore communal harmony in the disturbed area; and

• (d) the steps taken to rehabilitate the persons affected by the said disturbance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA):(a) According to the State Government, there was no loss of human life. The exact loss of property is not available.

(b) to (d) According to the State Government, the incidents during May 29—31 followed an incident of alleged rape of a woman at village Baruda near Bardoli Taluka. The incidents during June 19—23 were also sparked off by another incident of alleged rape of a woman. The State Government have stated that in connection with these incidents, 2 persons have been detained under the Natioal Security Act, 12 cases have been registered and 258 persons have been arrested. The position is reported to be normal and peaceful.

Pak facilities for U.S. Navy

1738. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has given consent to provide naval facilities to the U.SA. on the Baluchistan coast; and

(b) if so, what impact this new development is likely to have on the situation in the Indian Ocean as well as on India's security environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government have seen press reports to this effect.

(b) The Pakistan Government has denied giving bases to the United States.

Government are opposed to the setting up of foreign bases/facilities in any country. Government keep under continuous review all developments which have a bearing on the country's security.

Fixation of authorised permanent strength in various grades of the Central Secretariat Service

1739. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms have issued any guidelines/ instructions for fixation of Authorised Permanent Strength (APS) in various grades of the Central Secretariat Service;

(b) whether a copy of the same is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what criteria are being followed in the fixation of the APS in different grades;

(d) whether the same criteria are being followed in the fixation of the APS in all the grades of the CSS or any exception is being made in respect of any particular grade, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) what is the APS in respect of Grade I and Selection Grade of the